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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the action mailed May 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 26 and amend claims 25, 27 and 28 as follows (unamended claims appear in small print and italics for ease of reference):

8. *A vending machine having display means arranged to give first and second indications that insufficient change may be available to a customer making a purchase, the first indication being given as a warning prior to a transaction being initiated, and the second indication being given after a transaction has been initiated, each indication being produced in response to the detection of a respective set of conditions.*

9. *A vending machine as claimed in claim 8, which is operable to accept monetary units in a plurality of denominations, and to dispense change in at least one of said denominations but not in at least one further denomination, wherein a first indication is given when the amount of available change in the machine is less than the value of the highest-value further denomination monetary unit.*

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